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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT MARCOS COMMENTS ON ELECTIONS

1. ON JULY 27, PRESIDENT MARCOS ASSURED DELEGATES TO AN ASEAN SEMINAR ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING HE PLANS TO RESTORE THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, MARCOS TOOD THE DELEGATES, WHO WERE PAYING COURTESY CALL ON HIM AT MALACANANG, THAT, "AS SOON AS I CAN, I AM GOING TO CALL AN ELECTION TO SEE WHETHER WE HAVE ELIMINATED THE VICES THAT MARKED THE OLD SOCIETY." MARCOS ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT IF VICES WHICH CHARACTERIZED PRE-MARTIAL LAW ELECTIONS PERSIST, "WE WILL HAVE TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN AND DECIDE FOR OURSELVES WHETHER WE WANT THOSE VICES TO CONTINUE."

2. MANILA PRESS GAVE PROMINENT FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO MARCOS' REMARKS.

3. COMMENT: TALK OF ELECTION OF BATSANG PAMBANSA (NATIONAL LEGISLATURE) OR, ALTERNATIVELY, REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES, HAS DIED DOWN OVER PAST SIX MONTHS AS PRESIDENT MARCOS AND KEY ADVISROS FOCUSSED THEIR ATTENTION ON ENDING MUSLIM CONFLICT. WITH MINDANAO CEASEFIRE NOW IN EFFECT FOR MORE THAN SIX MONTHS, HOWEVER, WE EXPECT

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INCREASINGLY FREQUENT HINTS EMANATING FROM MALACANANG THAT ELECTIONS JUST AROUND THE CORNER. THERE ARE NOT SIGNS YET, HOWEVER, THAT PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS COME UP WITH FORMULA WHICH WOULD ALLOW GREATER POPULAR PARTICIPATION WITHOUT AT SAME TIME RISKING LOSS OF SOME OF THE POWERS HE NOW WIELDS WITH SUCH OBVIOUS RELISH.  
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